

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Legal Legislative Committee

Regina Gasco-Bentley, Chairperson

Winnay Wemigwase, Secretary

Aaron Otto, Member

Meeting Location: 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49770 Tribal Court/Room 312

MINUTES
January 4, 2012

Call to Order: 10:39 a.m.

Committee Member Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Secretary Winnay Wemigwase

Absent: Councilor Aaron Otto

Legislative Office Staff Present: Donna Budnick,

Executive Officials and Staff Present: none

Guests: Councilor Kevin Gasco, Councilor John Keshick, Jr.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to adopt the agenda of January 4, 2012 as presented.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Otto)

Minutes

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to approve the Minutes of December 21, 2011 with corrections.

Vote: 2-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Otto)

New Business

a) Child Protection, Human Services, Schedule Meeting Date

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to change the January 18, 2012 Legal and Legislative Committee Meeting to January 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Otto)

b) Contract Statute for Review

Discussion: We have a Contracting Policy that allows the Tribal Chairman to negotiate and enter into contracts with essentially no restrictions. Per the request of the Legal and Legislative Committee and Tribal Council, Donna is continuing to work on possible revisions of that Contracting Policy.

c) Education, Cultural and Language Departments

Discussion: Donna is continuing to make proposed changes and incorporating suggested verbiage to all the posted, draft statutes regarding the possible separation of the Gijigowii Bipskaabiimi Department.

Break: 11:19 a.m.

Return: 11:39 a.m.

d) Legal – Court Case Updates

Discussion: Jim Bransky attended to give an update on pending court cases: The Michigan Supreme Court accepted LTBB's submitted amicus brief in the case of RE: Morris. January 11, 2012 is the date set for oral arguments for Morris case. Jim also updated the Committee on the Vanderbilt case.

e) Public Hearing Policy

Discussion: Review and editing of the Tribal Council and Committee Public Hearing Policy for General Rules of Conduct.

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to submit the Tribal Council and Committee Public Hearing Policy for General Rules of Conduct to Tribal Council for approval.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Otto)

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to go into Closed Session for Legal at 2:17 p.m.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Otto)

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to come out of Closed Session at 2:33 p.m.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Otto)

Old Business

a) Old Resolutions

Discussion: Will continue to work on this on-going project as time permits.

Lunch: 12:14 p.m.

Meeting Resumed: 1:40 p.m.

Public Comment

Time Opened: 2:36 p.m.

Time Closed: 2:26 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 19, 2012 in Room 312 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to adjourn meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Otto)